

Master's Newsletter

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Grange Hall Insurance

If you haven't heard Grange Insurance Association will no longer be insuring businesses "Grange Halls". You will most likely receive a notice of non-renewal a month or so before your insurance is due. So that means that Granges with halls will need to be looking for insurance somewhere else, which will most likely cost quite a bit more. Partly due to the fact that most of our halls are under-insured.

The Bob Clouse Insurance Services has contacted the State Grange. They do offer insurance for Grange Halls. They can give you a quote after you have provided them with information on the Grange Hall worksheet. Policy data for all of your past policies, going back 5 policy years. You will also need to complete a Social organizations questionnaire and a Grange profile sheet. They are working on a program that will give some \$ back to the State Grange for all Granges who sign up. Contact me if you want more information.

One of the main concerns the Insurance company has is roofs. Your roofs need to be in good condition in order to be considered for coverage.



Tuesday, December 8 is Colorado Gives Day. Last year, a record-breaking \$26.2 million was raised for Colorado nonprofits. Please support Colorado Foundation for Agriculture and other like minded charities working to make Colorado great! You can schedule your [Colorado Gives Day](#) gift today.

Thank you for your continued support!

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Re-Introducing Claudia

Claudia is a member of the National Grange Herd. She was given to Colorado in 2013. Claudia is a stuffed toy skunk. Claudia hopes to attend many Grange activities and meetings this coming year. She loves to have her picture taken at these events. She has a Facebook page, look for Claudia the Grange Skunk. Her e-mail address is claudia@grange.org.

Claudia is a stinker for Ritual and she will be sponsoring a Ritual Achievement award this coming year. Details will be in the Grange Handbook that comes out with the Colorado Granger in January.

Claudia and The State Master would love to hear from you and receive announcement and invitations to your activities, meetings, or events.



National Convention

Harry and I were honored to represent Colorado as delegates at the National Grange convention in Lincoln, NE. It was a very good and historic convention with the election of the first female National Master, Betsy Huber from PA. Amanda Brozanna was elected as the National Grange Lecturer, many of you may remember Amanda, who came to State session two years ago.

Joan Miller, Past first lady of the Colorado State Grange was memorialized at the National convention along with 16 others.

We participated in the New Master's workshop which enabled us to get to know the other new delegates and Masters as well as think about goals. Joseph Stephanoni, National Leadership/Membership Director led the workshop. Harry served on the Labor, Judiciary and Transportation committee and I served on the Grange Law committee. Other committees at National are: Growth and Development, Conservation, Agriculture, Audit and Budget, Citizenship & Taxation, Education & Health.

Resolutions at the National convention can receive one of the following:

1. Adopted
2. Adopted as Amended
3. Adverse (committee rejects)
4. Rejected (Delegate body agrees with committee's rejection)
5. Present Policy
6. Policy Statement (becomes part of the policy statement because it's a good idea).
7. Withdrawn (sometimes not enough information is provided, or a

resolution is written with incorrect information and the Master withdraws the resolution, so no action is taken by National.)

8. Covered by (resolution number) (means that a resolution was covered by another resolution)

Resolutions can be substituted for the Committee's recommendation if they report it as adverse.

The resolutions that Colorado sent received the following action:

- Resolution supporting Labeling of Food products to Show countries Origin was included in the policy statement.
- Resolution opposing donations to the Humane Society of the United States was included in the Policy statement.
- Resolution on Definitions of Waters of the United States was included in the Policy statement.
- Resolution on Placement of Stamp on National Grange dues envelopes was rejected.
- Resolution on Recognizing Grange in Rural Post offices was included in the Policy Statement.
- Resolution on Grange Real Estate Management was included in the Policy statement.
- Resolution on Seventh Degree application fee was covered by another resolution which was Adopted
- Resolution on Incapacitation of the Master was covered by another resolution which was Adopted.
- Resolution on Executive Committee decisions in the absence of the Master was

covered by another resolution which was adopted.

- Resolution on Sixth degree fees was withdrawn. *We learned that National only charges postage for the sixth degree certificates that are given candidates, we are not charged for the certificates.*

Colorado was well represented at the convention as we hosted with Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

Others who attended were: Charlene Porter, Marlys Halbeisen, Domonic Breton, Gary & Kathy Wardle, Dave & Kay McCord, John & Trudie Hagen, Jeanne Davies, Larry & Trish Corman, Roger & Sheryl Ayers, Alan & Renee Caldwell, Dan & Jenna Greer, Billy, Nathen, Brianna, & Jacob Greer, Tom & Jean Campion and Steve Davies (who lives in NE, but really belongs to CO.) We thank each and everyone of them for being there and helping out where needed!

Pictures from the convention will be in the next Granger.

**Add your Grange's dates of meeting and activities to the State Grange Calendar on the Web Site! www.coloradogrango.org
Larry Corman will help you with the process.**

